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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD)

SUBJECT PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: ACCREDITATION OF RFE CORRESPONDENT

REF: WARSAW 4744, 4723 AND 4727

1. JOHN HUSHEN OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE (WHPO) TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY'S PRESS COUNSELOR, (BRADSHAW) THIS EVENING TO TELL HIM THAT THE NSC HAD APPROVED THE WHPO'S REFUSAL TO TAKE RUSS HILL'S NAME OFF THE LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE WH PRESS CORPS WHOM WE WERE ASKING THE POLES TO ACCREDIT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. THERE HAS MEANWHILE BEEN NO REPLY TO RECOMMENDATION (WARSAW 4727) THAT BIB BE APPROACHED IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN HILL'S VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE POLISH SECTION OF THE TRIP.

2. IN RESPONSE TO BRADSHAW'S QUESTION ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT, HUSHEN INDICATED WE WHOULD TELL THE POLISH FOREIGN OFFICE THAT WE WILL NOT WITHDRAW HILL'S NAME.

3. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECT UPON THE POLES IF WE TELL THEM THIS. I FEAR THEY WILL CONCLUDE EITHER THAT WE WISH TO BE MISCHIEVOUS OR THAT, FOR REASONS THEY WILL FIND HARD TO FATHOM, WE ARE TRYING TO PROVOKE THEM INTO TAKING A STEP WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO POLAND.

4. I ALSO WONDER WHETHER WE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THE STEP BEYOND.

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THAT IS, IF WE TELL THEM THAT WE WILL NOT WITHDRAW HILL'S NAME,

ARE WE CONSIDERING APPLYING SOME SANCTION IF THEY REFUSE TO ISSUE HILL
A VISA AS THEY SURELY WILL?. IF SO, WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?

5 IF WE ARE UNABLE TO EFFECT THE
VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF HILLS' NAME, I PROPOSE THAT AT LEAST
WE NOT VOLUNTEER TO THE POLISH AUTHORITIES A REPETITION OF
OUR REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW IT. IF THEY ASK US,
WE SHOULD TELL THEM THAT WE HAVE REPORTED KORAPACKI'S REQUEST, BUT
HAVE RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS TO REPLY TO IT. (THEY ARE, OF COURSE
FULLY AWARE OF THE HUSHEN - BRADSHAW TELCON, BUT WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT AWARENESS TO US.) LET US LEAVE IT TO THEM TO CHOOSE WHETHER
TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE MATTER

6. ACTION REQUESTED: NOEL OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE AND
BRADSHAW WILL SEE KONOPACKI BEFORE NOON WARSAW TIME JULY 26. I
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS OVERNIGHT.
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